UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ISRAEL GUTMAN, CHAYA GUTMAN, MORDECHAI TWERSKY, BARRY SINGER, JOHN DOE I-XXXII,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

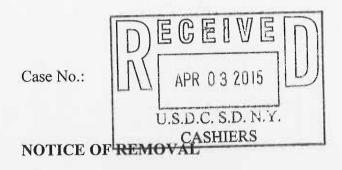
YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, MARSHA STERN TALMUDICAL ACADEMY-YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS, RABBI NORMAN LAMM, RABBI ROBERT HIRT, VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE YESHIVA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WHOSE NAMES ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN AND THUS DESIGNATED AS "JAMES DOE I-XXX," AND VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHOSE NAMES ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN AND THUS DESIGNATED AS "JOSEPH DOE I-XXX",

Defendants.

To: Clerk of the Court
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the State of New York New York County 60 Centre Street New York, New York 10007





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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446, defendants Yeshiva University, Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy-Yeshiva University High School for Boys, Rabbi Norman Lamm and Rabbi Robert Hirt, constituting all named defendants in the above-captioned action, hereby remove the state court civil action presently entitled *Israel Gutman, et al. v. Yeshiva University, et al.*, Index No. 151948/15 (the "State Court Action") from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "District Court"), asserting original federal jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331. In support of this Notice of Removal, defendants state as follows:

- 1. The Summons and Complaint in the State Court Action was filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, on February 26, 2015. A true and correct copy of the Summons and Complaint is submitted herewith under separate cover as Exhibit A.
- Defendants received service of the Summons and Complaint on March 5,
 2015.
- 3. This Notice of Removal is timely filed within thirty days after defendants received, through service or otherwise, a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which such action or proceeding is based.

- 4. This is an action of a civil nature which the District Courts of the United States have been given original jurisdiction in that it arises under the laws of the United States within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 5. In particular, plaintiffs claim for relief concerns allegations of sexual abuse and plaintiffs' alleged right to recover for this claim under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq.
- 6. Plaintiffs have also asserted claims for relief under various state law causes of action, over which this Court has supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 7. The above-captioned action may properly be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
- 8. Defendants have not filed an answer in the State Court Action, as the time allowed has not yet expired.
- 9. Promptly after the filing of the Notice of Removal with this Court, defendants shall give written notice of the removal to Plaintiffs and to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
- 10. Defendants reserve all rights including all defenses and objections that may be available to defendants, including jurisdictional defenses, and the filing of this Notice of Removal is subject to, and without waiver of, any such defenses and objections.

WHEREFORE, defendants hereby give notice that the State Court Action, and all claims and causes of action therein, are removed from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a). The State Court Action is removed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The parties to the State Court Action shall not proceed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York unless and until the State Court Action is remanded by the United States District Court.

Dated: New York, New York April 3, 2015 SEYFARTH SHAW LLP

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VOLUMINOUS ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED SEPARATELY

PLEASE SEE EXHIBIT A (VOLUMES I & II) TO DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL